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Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: Ex Parte Notice - MM Docket No. 02-277

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 16,2002, Maureen O'Connell of News Corporation, Bill LeBeau of NBC/Telemundo, Anne Lucey of Viacom and Bruce Owen of Economists Incorporated met with Susan Eid, Legal Advisor to Chairman Michael Powell, Media Bureau Chief Ken Ferree, Paul Gallant of the Media Bureau, and Simon Wilkie of the Office of Plans and Policy. The parties discussed the role and importance of antitrust analysis in achieving the Commission's objectives for media ownership regulations, and the extent to which a possible regulatory regime can and should evaluate the diversity of the relevant media market in assessing a transaction. The parties also commented on the ability of the Commission to implement any future media ownership regulations, including any competition analysis, in an efficient and speedy manner.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules and the Notice of Proposed Rule Making in MM Docket No. 02-277, an original and one copy of this letter are being submitted to the Secretary's office, two copies to Qualex International, and one electronic and one paper copy **to** each of Linda Senecal and Mania Baghdadi.

Sincerely,

F. William LeBeau

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cc: Susan Eid Ken Ferree

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